



DRAFT MEETING NOTES

TRIBAL-STATE ESA WAC DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

**Aging & Disability Services Building, Lacey, WA
December 1, 2008**

The Tribal-State ESA WAC Development Workgroup convened on December 1, 2008 at the Aging & Disability Services Building in Lacey, WA.

► In Attendance

The following tribes/organizations were in attendance:

Quinault Indian Nation, Spokane Tribe, Skokomish Tribe, Nooksack Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, SPIPA, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Lummi Tribe, Quileute Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Colville Tribe, Suquamish Tribe and United Nations of All Tribes.

Representatives from the Economic Services Administration (ESA) included staff from: State Tribal Relations Office (STRO), Community Services Division (CSD), Operations Support (OS). Representatives from the DSHS Indian Policy Support Services (IPSS) were also in attendance.

► ESA Tribal TANF WAC Workgroup:

- Sarah Colleen welcomed the new meeting attendees and asked for introductions.
- After introductions, she provided an agenda and status review.
- This was followed by discussion and review of the proposed draft WACs for the MOE Spending Requirement, and Tribal TANF Program Reporting Requirements.
- Upon review of the material, tribal representatives requested the state to:
 - Rather than including CFR cites in the draft WACs, the federal definitions should be written in the WAC
 - The draft WACs should be reviewed to determine requirements for reporting cumulative MOE balances
 - The department will ask ACF if they will allow Tribes to use their definition of “family” (as included in their plan) to determine who qualifies for State MOE benefits.
 - Send out the federal definition of “pro-family activities” (see #5 of the MOE Spending Requirement propose draft WAC).
 - Consider whether Tribal TANF programs can have more time to submit reports.

► Next Steps:

- The STRO will distribute a revised reporting WAC draft incorporating the comments from today's meeting by COB on 12/12/08. Please provide your suggestions and comments to these revised WACs by 1/12/09 to:

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- The tribes and state wish to schedule the next WAC meeting on March 2, 2009.
- The next Tribal TANF WAC meeting will discuss the WAC development entries on the ESA Subcommittee matrix to determine whether we can consolidate some of these comments and which comments belong on the matrix.
- Jennifer La Pointe, Sarah Colleen Sotomish, and Rosi Francis will provide a summary report for the next IPAC meeting.